

Table 10. Number and percent of ambulatory care visits by selected diagnostic and screening services ordered or provided, according to ambulatory care setting: United States, 1996

Diagnostic and screening services	Combined settings	Physician offices	Outpatient departments	Emergency departments
Number of visits in thousands				
All visits	892,025	734,493	67,186	90,347
Percent distribution				
Yes	73.2	71.5	72.9	88.0
No	26.8	28.5	27.1	12.0
Percent of visits in each setting ⁵				
Blood pressure	47.6	44.0	50.7	74.5
Urinalysis	13.2	13.1	11.1	15.6
HIV serology ²	0.3	0.3	0.8	0.3
Mental status examination	3.9	2.7	2.7	14.4
X ray	8.3	7.3	8.4	36.4
CAT scan ³	0.9	0.6	1.1	3.2
MRI ⁴	0.6	0.6	0.9	0.2
Ultrasound	2.0	2.0	2.6	1.4
Other imaging	0.6	0.5	0.6	1.3

¹Only services that were listed on each of the three survey instruments are included in this table, representing a subset of all of the service categories on the three Patient Record forms. The emergency department form included check box categories for chest x ray, extremity x ray, and all other x rays, which have been aggregated for this table. The other two forms included only a single check box for x rays.

²HIV is human immunodeficiency virus.

³CAT is computerized axial tomography.

⁴MRI is magnetic resonance imaging.

⁵Sum of percents may exceed 100.0 because more than one service may be reported per visit.

Table 11. Number and percent distribution of ambulatory care visits by principal diagnosis, using major disease categories, and ambulatory care setting: United States, 1996

Major disease category and ICD-9-CM code range ¹	Combined settings	Total	Physician offices	Outpatient departments	Emergency departments	Total	Physician offices	Outpatient departments	Emergency departments
Number of visits in thousands		Percent distribution				Number of visits per 100 persons ²			
All visits	892,025	100.0	82.3	7.5	10.1	337.3	277.8	25.4	34.2
Infectious and parasitic diseases 001-139	28,511	100.0	82.7	7.2	10.1	10.8	8.9	0.8	1.1
Neoplasms 140-239	31,793	100.0	89.6	9.7	0.7	12.0	10.8	1.2	0.1
Endocrine, nutritional and metabolic diseases, and immunity disorders 240-279	35,061	100.0	85.3	11.4	3.3	13.3	11.3	1.5	0.4
Mental disorders 290-319	39,167	100.0	81.2	12.1	6.7	14.8	12.0	1.8	1.0
Diseases of the nervous system and sense organs 320-389	80,003	100.0	87.5	6.0	6.5	30.3	26.5	1.8	2.0
Diseases of the circulatory system 390-459	66,703	100.0	86.6	7.3	6.1	25.2	21.8	1.9	1.5
Diseases of the respiratory system 460-519	112,624	100.0	84.8	5.0	10.3	42.6	36.1	2.1	4.4
Diseases of the digestive system 520-579	36,589	100.0	77.1	9.1	13.8	13.8	10.7	1.3	1.9
Diseases of the genitourinary system 580-629	47,935	100.0	85.5	6.5	8.0	18.1	15.5	1.2	1.5
Diseases of the skin and subcutaneous tissue 680-709	48,058	100.0	89.9	5.5	4.7	18.2	16.3	1.0	0.9
Diseases of the musculoskeletal system and connective tissue 710-739	56,516	100.0	86.3	6.8	6.9	21.4	18.4	1.4	1.5
Symptoms, signs, and ill-defined conditions 780-799	55,505	100.0	71.7	6.7	21.6	21.0	15.1	1.4	4.5
Injury and poisoning 800-999	82,450	100.0	60.5	4.9	34.6	31.2	18.9	*1.5	10.8
Supplementary classification V01-V82	139,751	100.0	88.1	9.7	2.2	52.9	46.6	5.1	1.2
All other diagnoses ³	11,551	100.0	72.5	15.4	12.2	4.4	3.2	0.7	0.5
Unknown ⁴	19,807	100.0	76.1	10.6	13.3	7.5	5.7	*0.8	1.0

* Figure does not meet standard of reliability or precision.

¹Based on the *International Classification of Diseases, 9th Revision, Clinical Modification* (ICD-9-CM) (5).

²Based on U.S. Bureau of the Census monthly postcensal estimates of the civilian noninstitutionalized population of the United States as of July 1, 1996. Figures are consistent with an unpublished hard-copy national population estimates release package PPL-57 (U.S. Population Estimates by Age, Sex, Race, and Hispanic Origin: 1990-1996) and have been adjusted for net underenumeration using the 1990 National Population Adjustment Matrix.

³Includes diseases of the blood and blood-forming organs (280-289); complications of pregnancy, childbirth, and the puerperium (630-676); congenital anomalies (740-759); and certain conditions originating in the perinatal period (760-779).

⁴Includes blank diagnoses, uncodable diagnoses, and illegible diagnoses.

NOTE: Numbers may not add to totals because of rounding.